

**DECLARATION  
IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.

S01.12-0829/STL  
10301

**SPECIFICATION AND INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled STIFFENED SUSPENSION FOR A STORAGE DEVICE HAVING A LAYER OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL the specification of which,

x is entitled STIFFENED SUSPENSION FOR A STORAGE DEVICE HAVING A LAYER OF COMPOSITE MATERIAL, having an attorney docket number S01.12-0829/STL 10301.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Appln. No. \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)**

Prior Foreign Application(s)

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a-d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed | Priority Claimed   |
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| _____  | _____   | _____                | Yes _____ No _____ |
| _____  | _____   | _____                | Yes _____ No _____ |

Prior Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety:

| Number            | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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| <u>60/293,286</u> | <u>May 23, 2001</u>  |
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PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 120)

I claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Appln. No. | U.S. Appln. No.<br>(if any under PCT) | Filing Date | Status |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
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DECLARATION

I declare that all statements made herein that are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements that are made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## PATENT

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| Filed:       | HEREWITH  | Group Art Unit: |  |
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST  
(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified application,

**REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

**NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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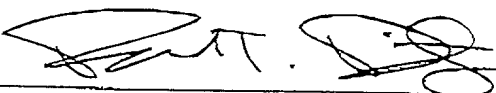
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Seagate Technology LLC states that it is the Assignee of Entire Interest in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of an Assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. A copy of the Assignment is attached and/or was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel , Frame . The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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